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NEW HIGHWAY OVER RANGE IS PROPOSED

Building of a county highway for wagons and autos across the Sierra Madre range from Sierra Madre to the Antelope Valley is a project lately proposed, which seems not at all impossible of realization. The county will probably build a more direct highway than now exists between Los Angeles and the Antelope Valley within a few years. It has been under consideration for some time with other routes in view. The Sierra Madre route appears to offer advantages of construction and economy which should prove a strong argument in its favor.

Suggestions regarding the proposed route were offered to the News by Chairman J. M. Beard of the city trustees, who had recently been in conference with an engineer who had been engaged in mountain surveys on the county's storm water protection project. Others who are familiar with the mountain region to be traversed by the road declare it to be entirely feasible and offering many advantages. Easy grades, comparatively easy construction, few bridges and low maximum altitudes are some of the factors which would tend to reduce the expense of building. The low altitudes and small number of bridges would tend to prevent interference with traffic by winter snows or by storm waters.

Route Proposed.

As tentatively outlined, the highway would follow the Santa Anita Canyon by way of the Sturtevant Trail as far as the West Fork. The route would probably follow the old trail to Hoegge's Camp on Winter's Creek, instead of dropping to the canyon bed. Then the route could be carried around Mount Zion instead of over its top. The West Fork of the San Gabriel would be the only stream requiring a bridge of any consequence, a notable advantage for the route.

From the West Fork the route would follow the present trail in a general way as far as the divide this side of Tejuca Creek. From that point there would be several miles of nearly level trail, passing around the Tejuca basin to the east, passing to the east and north of the Pine Flats ridge and into Chiles Canyon. Thence the route would pass to Alder Creek and Horse Flats and on into Little Rock Canyon, thence into Antelope Valley. The first settlement reached would be the town of Little Rock, with Palmdale and Lancaster lying almost due north.

Other Routes Suggested.

Chief of the alternative routes suggested for this county highway are the Arroyo Seco route, which is supported by Pasadena people, and the San Gabriel Canyon route, which is supported by Azusa and towns in that vicinity. The estimated cost of these routes is from \$800,000 to \$1,000,000. Both would reach altitudes of about 6,000 feet. Both follow canyons carrying streams of considerable size, especially in storm seasons.

Advantages Claimed.

For the Sierra Madre route it is claimed that a saving of \$200,000 or \$300,000 could be effected over the cheapest of the other routes. This would be due to the fact that there is only one bridge of consequence to build, that there would be a small amount of rock formation encountered when compared with other routes and that the line would be actually shorter.

When built it is claimed that the Sierra Madre route would afford superior conditions for traffic. The highest elevation reached would be about 4,700 feet. As a result, the road would be much less likely to be blocked by winter snows. It would be less subject to damage by storm water and consequent interference with traffic. The shorter route would mean a great saving in time. At Sierra Madre the mountain highway would start at an elevation of about 1,200 feet, which is several hundred feet higher than the beginning of any other proposed route. The maximum elevation being much less, there would be much less climbing to be done. Easy grades would be possible for the entire route, making the haul comparatively easy. This would be one of the most important factors, both for freight hauling and for auto driving.

Survey Needed.

As yet no survey has been made of the route, though it has been given considerable study by competent engineers and experienced trail builders. The first essential preliminary to getting action on the proposal will be to have a survey made. Several men have expressed interest in the matter and a desire to have a survey made. It is thought possible to have this done by the county, and an effort will probably be made to have this authorized by the supervisors. Completion of a survey by this or other means will make it possible to present the claims for the Sierra Madre route in definite, concrete form.

At present the Arroyo Seco and San Gabriel Canyon routes appear to be in

THANKSGIVING TREAT

Twenty Families Made Happy by Baskets and Dinners Contributed

Nearly twenty families and as many more individuals were made happy with baskets of materials or ready-made Thanksgiving dinners which were sent out from the Helping Station under direction of Mrs. Amelia Jensen, municipal nurse. Mrs. Jensen's appeal in behalf of the less fortunate in Sierra Madre who might need assistance to give their tables any resemblance to Thanksgiving day brought a bountiful response. She said money, foodstuffs and cooked food came in more liberally than ever before. Sixteen baskets of good things which would furnish materials for dinners for as many families were packed by Mrs. Jensen with the assistance of Mrs. Howard Hill and Mrs. Groves. These were distributed among families where Mrs. Jensen knew they would not come amiss. In addition to the assistance given in this way regular turkey dinners were prepared for as many individuals who were lonely or sick and unlikely to be otherwise provided for. The sum total of happiness dispensed under the direction of Mrs. Jensen must have been very great.

FOURTEEN STATES ARE NOW DRY

With four states added to the number of dries the total now reaches 14; being about 30 per cent of the total; which is most encouraging to those who have been on the firing line of the temperance campaign for so many years, says the Huntington Beach News.

One need not be endowed with much prophetic vision to foretell that the beginning of the end of the liquor traffic in the United States is now well above the horizon and is gathering momentum so rapidly that no power on earth can prevent national prohibition.

The following are the dry states and the date of adopting the amendment: Maine, 1851; Kansas, 1889; North Dakota, 1891; Georgia, Oklahoma, North Carolina and Mississippi, 1908; Tennessee, 1909; West Virginia, 1913; Arizona, Colorado, Oregon, Washington, 1914. Thus it will be seen that 9 of the 14 states have adopted prohibition during the past six years.

A peculiar feature about the question is that prior to the last election none of the states where equal suffrage prevails were dry, although the liquor interests have always opposed the enfranchising of women, believing that it would lead to prohibition.

All of the states returning dry majorities were ones where women had a voice at the polls, which no doubt did assist to a considerable extent in the victory for the dry cause; California being the only state where women have the ballot that retained the saloons. In Ohio prohibition and woman suffrage were both defeated by decisive majorities.

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH.

Next Sunday morning at the Congregational church the pastor will speak on "The Greatness of Christianity." In the evening the sermon theme will be "The Christian's Refuge."

Next Wednesday evening, December 2nd, there will be a special business meeting of the church, to receive the report of the nominating committee and to elect officers for the coming year. W. H. Hannaford, pastor.

HOME OF TRUTH

Devotional service at the Home of Truth, corner Auburn and Carter, Sunday at three-thirty p. m. as usual. Everyone cordially welcome. Services conducted by Harriet C. Hamor. Sunday school at two o'clock. All children welcome.

competition with each other, being at opposite ends of the San Gabriel Valley. The Sierra Madre route lying about half-way between offers a basis for compromise. It would be easily accessible from Los Angeles, and if the choice is based on the convenience of the greatest possible number of people would probably be selected.

Making Mountains Accessible.

While the proposed highway would be of great advantage both for business and pleasure, it would also have its drawbacks. It would make the remote and picturesque portions of the range accessible to thousands of people who never penetrate where climbing or riding is necessary. That very fact would prove objectionable to those lovers of the mountains who now enjoy their very solitude and the wilds unspoiled by frequent visitors.

However, the mountains belong to all the people and they undoubtedly have a wholesome effect upon all who use them rightly. The more use that is made of them the greater the sum total of the benefit to be derived from them. So, perhaps, those who would prefer to have them remain inaccessible to the greater number can afford to take the unselfish view of the matter and look with less disfavor upon the building of a highway through the heart of the forest reserve.

PLAN HOLIDAY SALE

Congregational Ladies Will Have Supper and Concert in Connection.

Plans are practically complete for the annual holiday sale of holiday and fancy goods to be given by the Ladies' Aid Society of the Congregational Church next Friday, December 4. The event will be held in the Woman's Club house, both afternoon and evening. Preparations have been under way for many months, the ladies having prepared a great array of fancy goods, aprons, rugs and other useful articles which will be offered for sale.

A cafeteria supper will be served in the club house diningroom. The reputation of the ladies for serving things good to eat will probably attract a large number of patrons.

In the evening a musical program will be given, which promises to afford most enjoyable entertainment. An orchestra of seven pieces will participate, the players being members of the Mead orchestra of the First Congregational Church of Los Angeles, which is one of the important musical organizations of the city. Mr. Mead, the director, is a son-in-law of Mrs. N. C. Carter of Sierra Madre. The orchestra which will appear in Sierra Madre is directed by Miss Jennie Jones, who is orchestra instructor in the city schools of Los Angeles. The members of the orchestra are: Alma L. Stickel and Ural S. Griffin, violins; E. Gertrude Jones, flute; Jennie L. Jones, clarinet; Warren J. Sargent, cornet; J. L. Cooper, trombone; Emma L. Esterly, piano. They will be assisted by Miss Lucy L. Teel, reader, and Raymond Hedderly, baritone. The evening's program will be as follows:

March—"King's Hussars".....Orchestra
Mazurka—"Bella".....Orchestra
Reading—Selected.....Miss Teel
Solo.....Mr. Hedderly
Waltz—"Sympathy".....Orchestra
Overture—"Gloriana".....Orchestra
Reading.....Miss Teel
Minuet by Beethoven.....Orchestra
Selection—"Amorita".....Orchestra
Solo.....Mr. Hedderly
Reading.....Miss Teel
Idyl—"Dream of Flowers".....Orchestra
Novellette—"Sparklets".....Orchestra
An admission of twenty-five cents will be charged for the evening's entertainment.

On Friday night Dr. and Mrs. L. L. Krebs were guests at a dinner given by Capt. and Mrs. Wharton at the Sierra Madre club and later attended a box party at the Morosco, given by Mr. and Mrs. Belacros.

BAD FIRE SEASON

Late Fires Add to Severity of Season Which Holds Record For Number.

Late fires have been unusually numerous in the Southern California mountains this season. Within the past week serious fires have broken out in the Lytle Creek country near San Bernardino, in Santa Ana Canyon, in the Santa Monica Mountains and in the Ventura County mountains near Wheeler's Hot Springs. These were the most serious fires of the year in the south and at times the forest service was contending with a total of about twenty miles of fire frontage.

That such fires might be expected had been the firm conviction of many men who were familiar with mountain conditions when the corps of forest service men was cut to the minimum on October first. It is the contention of those who are posted that the extra summer forest guards should not be taken off until the autumn rains reduce the liability of fires to the minimum. The absence of such rains so far has made the fire hazard extremely serious this fall. However, on the whole the fire fighting and prevention record of the past year has been excellent in spite of the great number of fires which have started in the state, according to official reports.

The forest fires that occurred in California last summer directly threatened to destroy government resources worth more than \$3,000,000, according to the official report of United States District Forecaster Coert DuBois. The forest rangers, however, succeeded in preventing most of the loss, so that the actual damage sustained by the government will not exceed \$50,000.

Fires Numerous

The fire season in California is said to have been the worst in the history of the Forest service, 1468 fires occurring as against a normal average for this district of 798. Conditions of wind and temperature were at times extremely favorable to the spread of fires, and only the utmost promptness and energy on the part of the rangers prevented more of them from developing into serious conflagrations. A total area of 53,763 acres was burned, of which 44,463 acres were brush.

The worst previous season is said to have been that of 1910, in which 553 fires occurred in California. Owing largely to the undeveloped condition of most of the National Forests at that

NOT NEEDED IN AMERICA

"Moratorium" is a word that has been revived in Europe by war time proclamations, remarks the Inglewood News. It means "a period during which people who owe money may refuse to pay their debts." It has been brought into use in Europe on account of the terrible war, but some of the subscribers on the News list seem to imagine that a moratorium is in effect in Inglewood and vicinity also. To those who do not know any better, we will say that the war has not spread to this part of the country yet, and that our printers will not accept the moratorium talk when pay time comes on Saturday night. We hope no further hints on the moratorium subject will be necessary.

THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH.

Church of the Ascension, the Rev. Dr. George H. Cornell, rector, vested choir; first Sunday in Advent. Sunday school at nine forty-five a. m.; sermon and Holy Communion eleven a. m. The Rev. Charles H. Hibbard, D. D. of Pasadena, will preach the sermon. All are cordially invited.

time, only 227 fires could be attacked promptly enough to prevent them from getting beyond control, while the 328 that got away caused a loss of little over \$500,000.

Fires Soon Halted

The Government's protection system is described as having greatly improved since 1910. Telephone lines have been extended, lookout points equipped and manned, and the forest firemen have been stationed at more advantageous points. The result has been that last season 1200 fires were put out in their early stages—nearly a thousand more than in 1910—and the 268 that got away were fought out before they had burned an area of a half-mile square.

The conditions surrounding every fire that started were studied by forest officers and the amount of damage directly threatened by each was computed. On the basis of these reports, the district forecaster has calculated the loss averted at \$3,013,000. This figure is believed to be conservative. It is corroborated to some extent by a comparison with 1910 when a little more than one-third as many fires caused an actual loss of \$500,000.

"Tenderfeet" were responsible for most of the preventable fires, having caused 340. The Southern California forests suffered particularly from this form of carelessness. On seven forests in Northern California incineration was prevalent, causing 212 fires. The Government paid out \$115,820 during the season for fire-fighting in California.

HOME BURNS ON THE EVE OF THANKSGIVING

Fire completely destroyed the home and furnishings of Mr. and Mrs. George Gould on West Olive street early Wednesday evening. The fire started from an oil stove which Mrs. Gould had just lighted and which, for some unexplainable reason, burst into a mass of flames. The fire flared up so suddenly and fiercely that Mrs. Gould was forced to run to avoid having her clothing catch fire. The stove was in the bathroom and the house being of California construction became ignited at once. Before help could be summoned or anything done to stay the flames the whole house was afire. Being built entirely of wood, the house was easy prey to the flames and it was only a short while before it had been burned to the ground.

Volunteer fire-fighters could not even enter the house to save the contents. It being plainly impossible to save anything, they confined their efforts to saving other buildings nearby.

The monetary loss on the house and furnishings was perhaps \$2,000, on which there was \$1,500 insurance. In addition to the monetary loss, Mr. and Mrs. Gould are mourning the loss of a great many family heirlooms, books, pictures and silverware, which were of inestimable value to them and some of which would have had considerable market value as antiques.

Sad Shock to Owner.

Mrs. Gould was alone at the time the fire started, Mr. Gould being in Los Angeles, where he operates an auto bus. It was impossible to reach him to notify him of his loss. He had no intimation of it until he came home in his auto about midnight. His first inkling of the catastrophe was when he drove up the hill and found the home a mass of smoking embers. The shock was naturally a severe one. The home represented the entire savings of the past seven years.

Miss Alice Tufts of West Montecito avenue entertained on Thanksgiving day with a delightful family dinner party. Her guests included Mrs. Elizabeth Morgridge, Mr. and Mrs. Phil Cass and little daughter of Los Angeles, Mr. and Mrs. George B. Morgridge, Miss Inanda Dranga of Pasadena, Eugene Dranga of San Diego and W. O. Morgridge.

FLOWER LIST ANNOUNCED

A list of flowers, vegetables and shrubs that may be planted in November for best results has been announced by the Beautifying Los Angeles committee of the 1915 general committee. Experts have lent their services in selecting the varieties that will thrive best in Los Angeles county.

The News has been promised an additional list of plants peculiarly appropriate for Sierra Madre. Soil, climate and picturesque setting make the planting of some things especially worth while here which would not do well in other parts of the county.

In making suggestions for fall planting day, November 27, the following hardy annuals are included: Sweet alyssum, acrolineum, candytuft, calendula, annual chrysanthemum, callisia, clarkia, California poppy, godetia, larkspur, scarlet flax, lupines mignonette and all varieties of wild flowers.

This is the season for sweet peas and most kinds of flowering bulbs. The hyacinth is one of the most popular and easiest to grow. Narcissus and jonquils should be planted from four to five inches deep.

Tulips should be planted in a light sandy loam soil, about five inches deep. Spanish iris takes a light soil. Other bulbs suitable for the season are anemones, lilies, German iris and early flowering gladioli.

Young plants of stocks, pansies, snapdragons, hollyhocks, pentstemons, Shasta daisies and carnations planted now will bloom in the early summer.

The following list of vegetable seeds may be planted in the late fall and early winter:

Asparagus, cabbage, beets, cauliflower, corn salad, chicory, carrots, chives, cress or peppercress, celery, dandelion, endive, kale, kohlrabi, leek, lettuce, mustard, onions, parsley, peas, potatoes (high or frostless locations only), radish, spinach, turnips and tomato peppers.

THE SUNDAY SUPPLEMENT

Brinninstool in Alhambra Advocate: Of all the dreary tommyrot of this late day and age, the Sunday papers spread a lot upon their "funny" page. There's not a thing to fetch a grin in anything you see; the jokes are flabby, stale and thin, and senseless as can be. The pictures are a lot of punk with highly-colored ink; in fact, it is the sort of junk that drives a man to drink. There was a time the funny sheet would sometimes make us smile, but now the thing is obsolete and not at all in style. The folks who read it now are few; they brand it as a bore, and listlessly they glance it through, then chuck it on the floor. And so we say, of all the rot for which a nickel's spent, this is the king-pin of the lot—the Sunday supplement.

Christmas Cards

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Some Loud Noises Cannot Be Heard.
Experimenters in vibration have found that no sound, no matter how loud it may be, can be heard unless it lasts longer than one-fortieth of a second. They have found that both the number of vibrations and the duration of sound influence its audibility, probably the latter more than the former. This means that there are untold numbers of piercing sounds with infinitesimal vibrations and short duration occurring every moment about us. Fortunately we are unable to hear them, else we should be driven crazy in a short time. The ear apparatus is so constructed that it records only those sounds that last one-fortieth of a second or over.—Chicago Tribune.

A Family Affair.
Papa and the three children were to give mother a birthday gift. The youngest boy was chosen to make the presentation address. He prepared it very carefully and thus delivered it in due season:
"Dear mamma, this gift is presented to you by your three children and your one husband."—Indianapolis News.

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Brief Items of Interest

Major Vawter is spending his vacation at San Diego and La Jolla.

George Clark spent Thanksgiving day in Pasadena as the guest of friends.

Mrs. Annie Granger of La Canada was the guest of Mrs. A. M. Carey on Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Gray were dinner guests of Mrs. D. T. May, of Hollywood, on Thursday.

Mrs. Peter Bernard of Ontario spent Thanksgiving at the home of her daughter, Mrs. C. C. Bodine.

Miss Verna Tribble and Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Tribble spent the week end in Los Angeles as guests of relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Fowler, of Los Angeles, spent Thanksgiving at their country home, Casa del Campo.

Mrs. A. M. Burnett and daughter of New York City were guests of Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Kersting on Monday.

Mr. Rainier and Mr. and Mrs. Eldred of Los Angeles were visitors at the home of J. A. Thompson this week.

Miss Marguerite Anderson and Mr. Roydon Poole were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Merton Clark on Monday.

Rev. W. H. Stubbins is the leader of the Christian Endeavor meeting on Sunday night. The subject is "Missions."

Mr. and Mrs. George Coapman and Miss Irene Coapman were week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Flint of Hynes.

Mr. and Mrs. McDaniels of Lang Beach motored to Sierra Madre on Saturday and spent the day visiting friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Potter of San Gabriel were guests of Mrs. Jane MacGregor last week and attended the Bazaar play.

Miss Florence Meade of Los Angeles spent Wednesday and Thursday at the home of her grandmother, Mrs. N. C. Carter.

M. and Mrs. E. L. Yerxa and Virginia spent Thanksgiving day at the home of Mrs. Yerxa's mother, Mrs. St. Johns, of Whittier.

Mrs. Lydia Anderson and daughter, Miss Marguerite Anderson, of Long Beach are spending the week at their Sierra Madre cottage.

Mr. and Mrs. Diesbach of Buffalo, New York, were guests at the homes of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Thompson and Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Bodine this week in Pasadena as the guest of friends.

Miss Anna Janson entertained the Eleven and One Club members on Tuesday evening in compliment to Miss Marguerite Anderson of Long Beach. A very delightful social evening was spent.

Miss Miranda Larry of Los Angeles was the week-end guest of Miss Eunice Landrom at Casa de Campo. Miss Landrom returned to Los Angeles, where she will be the guest of friends for several weeks.

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Thanksgiving dinner guests of George Leaming and family, of Sierra Madre Canyon Park, were Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Roland of Los Angeles, Mr. James Nichols of Long Beach and Miss Maybelle Caley.

Harry Adelmeyer of Riverside spent Thanksgiving in Sierra Madre.

Miss Rena Hathorn is spending the week-end in Redondo, visiting friends.

Mrs. C. R. Kelsey of Los Angeles was the guest of Mrs. W. R. Lees last week.

Oswald Kehlet and family attended the Corona road races on Thanksgiving day.

F. D. R. Moote has been seriously ill this week with inflammatory rheumatism.

Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Wescott of Santa Monica are week-end guests of Mrs. E. F. Ballou.

Mrs. Frank Hildebrandt passed away at her home on Windsor Lane on Wednesday.

Mrs. A. J. Rust has been very seriously ill at her home on North Auburn avenue.

Mrs. C. H. Baker and children spent Thanksgiving day at Redlands as the guests of relatives.

J. F. Sadler and family spent Thanksgiving at the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Sadler of Venice.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Staples and little daughter spent Thanksgiving in Sierra Madre visiting relatives.

Thanksgiving guests of Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Gay were Miss Ruby Chalmers and Mr. Nelson Gay of Pasadena.

Miss Lottie Humphries is spending the week-end with her sister, Miss Hilda Humphries of Los Angeles.

Mrs. Eliza Brooks is spending the week-end at the home of her daughter, Mrs. J. W. Keys of Pasadena.

The Dickens Fellowship held a very delightful meeting on Wednesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. B. B. Bravender.

Mr. and Mrs. James Hawks and family were Thanksgiving guests at the home of Mr. Hawks' mother, Mrs. A. D. Hawks.

Miss Margaret Linebaugh and Miss Alice Haig attended the Elli's Club concert given at Trinity Auditorium on Tuesday evening.

Miss Elizabeth Wagoner and Mr. Anthony Anderson of Los Angeles were Thanksgiving day guests of Dr. and Mrs. L. L. Krebs.

Mr. and Mrs. Marcus Copps spent several days last week in Los Angeles as the guests of their son, Arthur Copps, and family.

Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Nuetzel and Mrs. Julia Shannon were Thanksgiving day guests of Mr. and Mrs. B. P. Malsi of Los Angeles.

Thanksgiving day guests of Mr. and Mrs. S. D. Cornuelle were Mrs. Mary Weber, Mrs. Stella Robinson and Mary Louise Robinson.

Miss Gertrude Cook was a guest at a luncheon given at Hotel Alexandria on Saturday and a matinee party afterward at the Mason.

R. J. Stuke and family of Altadena motored to Sierra Madre on Friday and were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. George Humphries.

Charles Hastings, owner of the Hastings ranch, returned to his California home this week, having been absent for several months in the east.

Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Mead of Riverside spent several days in Sierra Madre this week. Mr. Mead's father, E. N. Mead, accompanied them home.

Extensive improvements are being made on the home of Dr. and Mrs. A. J. Rust on North Auburn avenue. T. M. Webster has the work in charge.

On Saturday night Mrs. L. L. Krebs and Mrs. Rebecca Berger attended the symphony concert in Los Angeles and a supper party afterward with friends.

Sunday guests of Rev. and Mrs. W. H. Hannaford were Dr. and Mrs. L. B. Sperry of Highland Park, Miss Lorena Bragg of Redondo Beach and Fiske Hannaford of Santa Barbara.

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More Than One Trafalgar Square.
The Scotland Yard examination which would be taxicab drivers have to undergo in the knowledge of London is no mere matter of form. "If," asked the inquisitor recently of a candidate, "a fare hails you in Trafalgar square and asks to be driven to Trafalgar square, what would you do?" "I should drive him around a bit and drop him on the other side of the square," replied the candidate. And he was turned down, for he did not know that London has three Trafalgar squares besides the finest site in Europe—one in Camberwell, another in Chelsea and still another one in Stepney.—London Chronicle

Got All He Asked For.
Another "meanest man" has been found. He lives in the city and conducts a thriving business. The other day a seedy individual approached him and said: "Say, mister, I'm hungry and would like to get a nickel to get a cup of coffee and a roll. I have four pennies and only need one more. Please give me a penny."

The man after searching himself said: "I haven't got a penny. All I have is a nickel. Give me your four cents in change, and I will give you the nickel."

The beggar requests that his name be not mentioned in connection with the item.—Cincinnati Enquirer

Always Apprehensive.
"My wife gets nothing but apprehension out of life."

"How so?"
"She's afraid of cows in the country and automobiles in town"—Kansas City Journal.

Wallack on the Ballet.
The late Lester Wallack once told a story of his still more famous father, James W., that as either an actor or a manager he could never tolerate the ballet.

One day there came to him a friend, a man about town, who said: "My dear Wallack, it is very curious that you do not see the beauties of imagination shown by the poses of the ballet." Going on in this strain, the visitor at last wore out the patience of the actor-manager, who replied:

"Look here, it is bad enough to stand these absurdities in an opera; but though I can comprehend people singing their joys, I am hanged if I can their dancing their griefs."

Safety First.
"The doctor says there are more white corpuscles in my blood than red ones."
"Well, what are you going to do about it?"
"Nothing. If I had more red corpuscles in my blood I might go around looking for trouble. As it is, I'm content to let trouble look for me."—Birmingham Age-Herald.

Madison and the Constitution.
It is generally understood that James Madison was the chief author of the constitution of the United States. Beyond a doubt the great instrument was the joint product of the entire convention, but from the best accounts Madison was the man who put it into shape as we have it today.—New York American

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The Scrap Book

Saved the Family Reputation.
At a banquet of the ministers of New York Dr. Johnson of the Morrisania church told this story:

"One of the members of my church, a very generous man, has instilled into his family the belief that the collection is a necessary and vitally important part of the service. Consequently his little boy, Thomas, never comes to church without his contribution."

"One Sunday, as the elders began to take up the collection at the morning service, Thomas looked along the pew to see if the various members of the family were provided with a contribution."

"Noticing a guest of his sister empty handed, he whispered:

"Where is your money?"

"I have none," was the reply.

"Time was short and the necessity great. In a flash the little fellow met the emergency by saying:

"Here—take mine. That'll pay for you, and I'll get under the seat."

"And, flinging his own coin into her lap, he disappeared under the pew, where he remained until the elder had gone by—and the reputation of the family was saved."—Popular Magazine.

Don't Fret.
Don't fret about the morrow,
With its chance of coming sorrow,
Or fear that cruel fate your hope of happiness will blight.
Never get into a hurry.
For it never pays to worry
Just live one day at a time and live that one day right.
—Edmund C. Stedman.

The French For Hotel.
One of Messmore Kendall's friends took a trip to Europe not long ago—his first trip abroad. After he reached London unexpected business took him to Paris. Upon his return he was telling Kendall about his experiences.

"I don't speak any French," he said, "and I didn't know the name of any Paris hotels, so when we landed at Calais I bought a lot of postal cards of Paris views, because I figured there'd be a picture of one of the big hotels, anyhow. Sure enough I found a postcard showing a great big stone building with flags on it, and it was called 'Hotel de Ville.'"

"That'll do for me," I says to myself. So when we got to Paris I climbs into a taxi and says 'Hotel de Ville' to the driver.
"Do you know where he took me? The derned fool drove me to the city hall."—Saturday Evening Post.

Hang It All!
The village carpenter had given so generously of his services and sound advice toward rebuilding the school that when it was completed the villagers agreed that he should be asked to speak after the luncheon which was to follow the opening service. The day and the carpenter's speech came.
"Ladies and gentlemen—Dear friends," he began, his brown face very red indeed, "I am a great deal better fitted for the scaffold than for public speaking." Then he realized what he had said and sat down amid roars of laughter.—London Telegraph.

Answered in Rime.
In the olden time before the war, the days so famous for generous hospitality in the south, a brilliant party was assembled at dinner in a beautiful country homestead. Across the table wit flashed back and forth, and the guests began to vie with one another in proposing conundrums.

Alexander H. Stephens offered one which puzzled the whole company. "What is that we eat at breakfast and drink at dinner?"

For some time no answer came, and the bright eyes of the southern orator began to sparkle with triumph, when Colonel Johnson, taking up the "Complacence Book" of the hostess, which lay conveniently by, wrote impromptu upon the flyleaf the following answer: What is eaten for breakfast and drunk for dinner?

Is it coffee or eggs or butter or meats? Sure double the stomach of obdurate sinners.

Who eats what he drinks and drinks what he eats.

But let us consider. 'Tis surely not butter.
Nor coffee nor meats, whether broiled or roasted.
Nor boiled eggs nor poached nor fried in a batter.
It must, then, be bread. Ah yes—when 'tis toast!

So She Was!
The two oldest inhabitants were very ignorant, neither of them being able even to tell the time of day. A friend of Uncle Ben's gave him a watch of which he was very proud. One day before the crowd at the corner store old Pete, being slightly jealous of such wealth and wishing to embarrass his rival, said, "Say, Ben, what time have ye got?"

The other old fellow drew out his watch and turned its face toward his inquisitor. "There she be!" he exclaimed.

Pete was almost at a loss, but he made a magnificent effort and retorted: "Blame if she ain't!"

COCKNEY WARBLERS.

Lines in Which They Could Revel in Dropped "Hatches."

Mrs. Crawford, the author of the popular song, "Kathleen Mavourneen," admitted writing one line of the song purposely to "confound the cockney warblers," who would be certain to sing it thus:

The 'orn of the 'unter is 'eard on the 'ill.
Among "Moore's Melodies" is "The Woodpecker." and Moore once said that he wrote its concluding lines with the same mischievous intent as Mrs. Crawford and that he had often enjoyed hearing the passing butcher boy and fish monger throw into them the utmost aspiration of their sentimental souls for the joys of love in a cottage; Hand I said, "Hif there's peace to be found hin the world,
A 'eart that was 'umble might 'ope for it 'ere!"

A little group of literary men once supping at a certain hotel in the heart of London after matching anecdotes of extra and omitted h's jovially agreed to compete on the spot in writing a "Petition" of the aggrieved letter to the inhabitants of the district for better treatment. The prize was to be a set of chessmen, and the effusion that won it was composed in fourteen minutes. It ran thus:

Whereas: By you I have been driven From 'ouse, from 'ome, from 'ope, from 'eaven,
And placed by your most learned society In hell, hangnash and hanxiety—
Nay, charged without one just pretense With harroissance and himpudence,
I 'ere demand full restitution
And beg you'll mend your h'elocation!

See Your Own Faults.
Make sure that, however good you may be, you have faults that, however dull you may be, you can find out what they are and that, however slight they may be, you would better make some patient effort to get quit of them.—Ruskin.

When Scot Meets Scot.
The lady was the owner of a small shop, writes the London Telegraph, and her sweetheart acquired the habit of seeing her home and carrying the



cash bag that contained the day's receipts. It was generally heavy.
"You must be doin' weel," remarked the gentleman frequently.
"Oh, ay," the lady would reply, "it's a guid bit business."
But she did not disclose that besides the moderate receipts the bag contained the counter weights. The canny lover only discovered that fact after marriage.

A Cobb Story.
Irvin S. Cobb is a Kentuckian, and proud of it, though he can't resist poking fun at the Blue Grass State once in awhile. He joshed his fellow Kentuckians at a banquet in New York one time, telling them that every one of them cried or applauded when the orchestra played "My Old Kentucky Home," but that not one of them could be taken back until the extradition papers had been fought through every court.

Not on the Map.
Mrs. Norman had a maid, Jane, who had a lover in the army. One day, after receiving a letter from him she sought her mistress and asked if she might see a map. A while after she returned to Mrs. Norman again and said she could not find the place where her lover was.
"Where is it, do you say, Jane?" asked the mistress.
"Duranceville," replied Jane, after another careful perusal of the letter.
Mrs. Norman searched the map, but no such place could be found.
"Jane," she said, "please let me see the part of the letter which gives the name of the place where he is."
Jane complied, and Mrs. Norman read: "I am in durance vile, but hope soon to be sent home."—National Monthly.

Barred Out.
An old gentleman by the name of Page, finding a young lady's glove at a popular resort, presented it to her with the following words:
If from your glove you take the letter G Your glove is love, which I devote to thee.
To this the lady returned the following answer:
If from your Page you take the letter P Your Page is age, and that won't do for me.
—Ladies' Home Journal.

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CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION (Episcopal)—Dr. George H. Cornell, Rector. Sunday school, 10 a. m.; Morning prayer and sermon, 11 a. m.; Holy Communion first Sunday in the month, 11 a. m.; on the greater festival and other days by appointment, 7:30 a. m.; Sunday evening service from October to July, 7:30 p. m.

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5:51 p. m. Saint, for San Francisco.
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An Ungallant Rascal.

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"Dat's where youse is wrong," replied the unlaundersed hobo. "I wunst had a sweetheart wot wuz a dead ringer fer youse."

"And did she die?" asked the angular spinster as he helped him to another hunk of pie.

"No, ma'am," answered the hobo. "When leap year come round she asked me t' marry her an' I run away from home."—Chicago News.

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A Great War "Scoop."

Days have changed for the war correspondent since Archibald Forbes was praised in the house of lords by Lord Salisbury and received by Queen Victoria at Buckingham palace in recognition of his exploits as a news gatherer during the Russo-Turkish war of 1877. Forbes' greatest exploit was his ride from Shipka pass to the nearest telegraph station at Bukharest and his reception en route by the czar, to whom he was the first to communicate news of the Russian victory. The former trooper of the Royals having outdistanced not only all rival correspondents but the official messengers as well.—London Mail

Next Thing to It.

"How terribly mangled that poor man was they took to the hospital in the patrol! Was he in a railroad wreck?"
"No. He was one of the judges of a baby show."—Baltimore American.

WORRY

Do not worry; eat three square meals a day; say your prayers; be courteous to your creditors; keep your digestion good; exercise; go slow and go easy. Maybe there are other things that your special case requires to make you happy, but, my friend, these I reckon will give you a good lift.—Abraham Lincoln.

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EDITORIAL CHAT

Ought to be Thankful—

Some of the auto racers at Corona are doubtless giving thanks for landing in the prize money. All of them ought to be thankful they came through alive.

Finish the Job—

Park avenue was cut through to Central at considerable expense to give the residents of Manzanita avenue and the district further south more direct access to the car line. The cars continue to stop at the Library just because they have always done so. To change the stop from the Library to the Park avenue intersection would inconvenience no one and would save a good many steps to people living south of Central. A properly directed official hint would probably do the business.

No Extra Innings—

Pasadena and Long Beach high schools played a 9 to 0 tie game of football on Thursday. Which recalls to mind the great number of tied scores in football. That is where a baseball game with the possibility of extra innings to settle a tie has the advantage over football with a fixed period of play. The momentous question of supremacy involved in a football tie must remain unsettled for a whole year. The suspense is awful.

Do It Now—

Lest we forget—do it early and try your home merchant first.

Editors Changing—

It makes me feel like an old timer to think of all the changes that have taken place in the editorial ranks of Los Angeles county since I came to Sierra Madre. This paper began its ninth year with the first issue in October but its birthday was forgotten in the press of other matters. The name at the head of the column has not changed in six and a half of the eight years. But in that period a great majority of the county papers hereabouts have changed hands one or more times. The latest change is the transfer of the Monrovia Messenger by the Whitaker Brothers to A. E. Woodruff who comes well recommended from St. Paul, Minn. Editor Hubbell of the Gardena Reporter has retired in favor of A. H. Knutson. Down at Hawthorne W. R. Tosh has put forth No. 1 of Vol. I of the Hawthorne Herald. That's the way they come and go.—G. B. M.

PRAISE FOR MUCH-ABUSED BALLOT

A copy of the California initiative and referendum ballot, received in Kansas City, indicates how the Missouri initiative and referendum ballot could be improved, says the Kansas City Star.

The California ballot presented forty-eight questions to the voters. Too many? Granted. But the ballot presented them clearly and well.

Each numbered question was indicated first by a descriptive word or catch phrase. For example, "Prohibition," "Local Taxation Exemption." Then came a brief epitome of what the proposition would do.

A pamphlet distributed by the state to the voters some weeks before the election contained the full text of the measures to be voted on and a short argument for and against each one.

The California ballot presenting the forty-eight questions was just about one-half the size of the Missouri ballot presenting fifteen questions. Suppose forty-eight propositions had been submitted to Missouri voters, and all had been printed in full, and all the headings had been in technical, confused language!

It is ridiculous to assume that the voters can and must read and study the questions in the booth and reach his decision there. As well say that all the candidates for all the offices should be ranged in the polling place to be introduced by name and character and record and purpose to each voter.

The function of a proper ballot is simply to identify to the voter a measure or a man concerning whom the voter has already made up his mind. The function of the improper Missouri ballot is simply to induce most voters to vote "no" on everything because of the doubt and mental confusion into which the ballot puts him.

Very Temperate.

"He was very temperate. He got drunk only once a week," remarked a witness to a Liverpool coroner.

THIS IS SERIOUS

Hollywood Citizen: It is not enough for the warring nations to put a ban on liquor drinking and for liquors to be barred from our own navy. Here comes Colonel Goethals, governor of the canal zone, and issues an order making the great waterways a total abstinence proposition. "Pilots checking ships through the canal and all masters of tugs, mates and others employed in the navigation of the waterway are forbidden to take even one drink."

What do you think of a proposition like this, you personal liberty advocates? Will you maintain that Uncle Sam's great leader and director has gone crazy that he should so infringe upon the rights of the individual?

You, who believe that booze is good for business, what do you think of an order of this kind that will deprive many a saloon-keeper and bar-keep of a job, and spoil sales for many brewers and distilleries? Do you think that a nation is unworthy of your citizenship when it selects, to engineer the construction of one of the world's greatest works and to later govern the territory involved therein, a "fanatical," "small" and "narrow-minded" man who insists that liquor shall not be drunk by the men and officers working there? We'll answer the question for you and tell you that you are proud of such a nation. You may abuse a man who advocates the prohibition of the sale of liquor but neither your conscience nor your good judgment will allow you to criticize the wisdom of Colonel Goethals' act of prohibiting the drinking of liquor.

MORE REGULATION

Inglewood News: The motor bus service between Los Angeles and Venice has been practically discontinued for lack of patronage, and now the patrons are rising to know why public service conveyances can run when they please and quit when they please. The auto passenger service will have to come under regulation similar to that that regulates railroads and street cars, if it is to be a real and permanent aid to human transportation, and if the railroads and electrical lines are to be treated fairly.

PLAIN TO BE SEEN

Alhambra Advocate: Eastern physician says that the fewer garments people wear, the longer they will live. We can see right away where the girls of 1914 are going to hit pretty close to the hundred mark.

STAMP TAX SOON DUE

In days to come, when war will be as extinct as the dodo or the great auk, American marriage certificates of the vintage of 1915 will be curiosities because of the war stamp which they will bear. Some curious features are noticed in the rulings of the United States treasury department on the subject of the stamp taxes which come into force on December 1. According to information given out at the office of the collector of inland revenue in Los Angeles, if a couple join in making what may be termed a marriage bond, they may pay a tax of 50 cents, but there is no charge for a regular marriage license. It would seem, then, that if any other pair follows the example of the Pasadena couple whose marriage contract caused such a stir a year or so ago, they will have to pay Uncle Sam "four bits" by way of war tax revenue. It is also stated that clergymen giving marriage certificates must place a stamp of 10 cents on each certificate.

This ruling is made under the schedule which deals with certificates. It is stated that certificates of profits of corporations, etc., must have a stamp of 2 cents for each \$500 represented, damage certificates, etc., a stamp of 25 cents, and "other certificates not otherwise specified," a stamp of 10 cents.

Despite that wording, all certificates will not have to have a stamp. For example, no stamp will be required for teachers' certificates. But it will be necessary to have a stamp on a certificate as to the qualifications of a justice of the peace or a notary public.

Acknowledgments of deeds are not taxable, but a 10-cent stamp must be affixed to a notarial certificate of acknowledgment in satisfaction of a mortgage. Deeds of conveyance are taxable. Escrow deeds are not taxable until delivery. Quit-claim deeds must have adhesive stamps, but none are required on abstracts of titles. Releases of mortgages or releases of deeds of trust that operate as mortgages do not need a stamp, but if they require a notarial acknowledgment then they must have an adhesive stamp of the value of 10 cents.

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GOLDEN SILENCE.

Silence never shows itself to so great an advantage as when it is made the reply to calumny and defamation, provided that we give no occasion for them.—Addison.

Silence, when nothing need be said, is the eloquence of discretion.—Bovee.

Silence is more eloquent than words.—Carlyle.

That silence is one of the great arts of conversation is allowed by Cicero himself, who says there is not only an art, but even an eloquence in it.—Hannah More.

Be silent and safe; silence never betrays you.—John Boyle O'Reilly.

THE LAST SHRINE.

Not all my treasure hath the bandit Time
Locked in his glimmering caverns of the past:
Fair women dead and friendships of old time,
And noble dreams that had to end at last.

Ah, these indeed, and from youth's sacrilege
Full many a holy relic hath he torn.

Vessels of mystic faith God filled for me,
Holding them up to him in life's young morn.

All these are mine no more:
Time hath them all—
Time and his adamant jailer Death.
Despoilure vast! Yet seemeth it but small
When unto thee I turn, thy bloom and breath
Filling with light and incense the last shrine,
Innermost, inaccessible—yea, thine!
—Richard Le Gallienne in Century.

SENTENCE SERMONS.

Of nothing you can, in the long run and with much lost labor, make only—nothing.—Carlyle.

A fat kitchen makes a lean will.—Franklin.

Everything is twice as large, measured on a three-year-old's three foot scale, as on a thirty-year-old's six foot scale.—Holmes.

In life it is difficult to say who do you the most mischief—enemies with the worst intentions or friends with the best.—Bulwer-Lytton.

We are nearer neighbors to ourselves than whiteness to snow or weight to stones.—Montaigne.

RUSSIAN NATIONAL ANTHEM.

God, the all terrible, thou who ordainest,
Thunder thy clarion and lightning thy sword.
Show forth thy pity on high where thou reignest.
Give to us peace in our time, O Lord.

God, the all merciful, earth hath forsaken
Thy holy ways and slighted thy word:
Let not thy wrath in its terror awaken,
Give to us peace in our time, O Lord.

God, the omnipotent, mighty avenger,
Watching invisible, judging unheard;
Save us in mercy and save us in danger.
Give to us peace in our time, O Lord.

APHORISMS ON WORDS.

Words are the transcript of those ideas which are in the mind of man, and that writing or printing is the transcript of words.—Addison.

We should be as careful of our words as of our actions and as far from speaking ill as from doing ill.—Cicero.

Words are freeborn and not the vassals of the gruff tyrants of praise to do their bidding only. They have the same right to dance and sing as the dew-drops have to sparkle and the stars to shine.—Abraham Coles.

Words indeed are but the signs and counters of knowledge, and their currency should be strictly regulated by the capital which they represent.—Colton.

Words are men's daughters, but God's sons are things.—Dr. Madden.

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